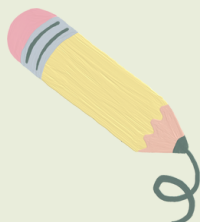


WESTCOT WEEKLY



Principal's Message

Dear Westcot Community,

We're off to a wonderful start this school year! We are thrilled to see so many Grade 4-7 students participating in our Cross Country program. Practices are already underway, and we're looking forward to cheering on our runners at upcoming meets.

Next week, our school community will come together for our annual Terry Fox Run. Students are encouraged to bring a "Toonie for Terry" any day next week to support cancer research. Thank you for your ongoing support in making these events a success.

Ms. Martinez & Ms. Morton

Student Absences

Please Call the Callback Line 604-981-1276. (Not the Office Please) before 8:00 am

As part of the Westcot safety program all students are accounted for each day as either absent or present. A Call Back program is in place to check on students who are absent if no contact with the school has been made. We will continue to carefully monitor all absences and ask that you use this central communication rather than or as well as emailing individual classroom teachers. Parents can help with the overall efficiency of this process by informing the school if your child is going to be absent.



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[District Website](#)



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HOT LUNCH



Westcot Elementary School

Ordering Opens September 12

Click
here

- Tacos on Monday
- White Spot on Tuesday
- Inncognato on Wednesday
- Boston Pizza on Thursday
- Aburi Market on Friday



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

We are very excited to announce that our school will continue to offer School Cash Online, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. If you registered in a previous school year you will not need to reregister. Please access the site to review School Fees for the 2025 - 2026 School Year. Please follow the link below to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

New users - To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below. You will receive the PIN referred to in Step 3 in a separate email sent by R. Satchell

Register Online:

- Step 1: Please click on this link: westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com
- Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.
- Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account. To do this, you will need your student's PIN number, last name, and date of birth. This will be emailed to you separately.



WESTCOT

CROSSCOUNTRY

In order to enhance all of our students' physical literacy and to encourage greater pupil participation in our district's cross country meets, practices for this year will be as follows:

Wednesday: 8:00am-8:30am @ Westcot Elementary
(Sept 17, Sept 24, Oct 1)

Friday: 7:40am-8:15am @ John Lawson Park (seawall)
(Sept 12, Sept 19, Oct 3)

Tuesday 3:45-5:00pm MEETS @ Ambleside (Sept 16, Sept 23, Oct 7th)



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A Message from Mrs. Hunt



Westcot Elementary School



If your children are close to finishing their 50 days of summer reading, it's not too late to complete that goal. The West Van Library is quite generous allowing children to read into September and they will give out medals for as long as they have stock.

The big medal ceremony is happening this Friday, September 12th. This is a fun-filled, red carpet event. You must register for one of three time slots.

<https://westvanlibrary.ca/event/summer-reading-club-medal-ceremony/>

Can't make that? There's a mini medal ceremony on Tuesday, September 16th, also by registration.

<https://westvanlibrary.ca/event/summer-reading-club-medal-ceremony/>

After that, children can check in with the library staff on a different day if unable to make either of the above dates.

We're very proud of our summer readers and all the hard work they have done! We look forward to sharing good books they've read in our school library time.

Optional Accident Insurance for Families



West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.

Community Connections & Events



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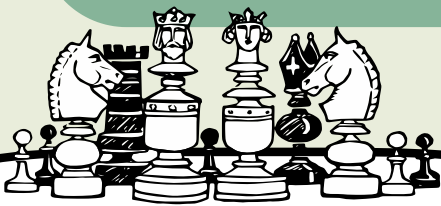
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WPAC

Please join us for our first WPAC
Meeting of the school year!

Wednesday, September 17 · 9:30 –
10:30am

Video call link: [WPAC Meeting Link](#)



CHESS CLUB WESTCOT LUNCH TIME

STARTING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24
At LUNCH TIME

FOR GRADE 5 and UP

STUDENTS BRING THEIR LUNCH TO THE
LIBRARY ASAP
TO PLAY CHESS AND RECEIVE
INSTRUCTIONS FROM
A NATIONAL CHESS MASTER CERTIFIED.
ANY LEVELS WELCOME..

FROM Sept. 24 for 8 lunch sessions

FEE: \$64

TO REGISTER, SEND AN EMAIL TO LUC
POITRAS

CHESSINSCHOOL@YAHOO.COM



DPAC *parent evening with* Dr. Graeme Mitchell

**Harnessing Hope: Reframing How Our
Children See the World**

Join us for an evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell—
award-winning educator and global speaker—who is
transforming how we raise and teach
the next generation.

In his keynote, *Harnessing Hope*, Dr. Mitchell
explores how fear-based messages—especially on
social media—shape our children's outlook, and how
fact-based optimism, storytelling and connection can
shift it. Drawing on two decades of classroom
experience, he offers parents practical tools to
foster confidence, curiosity and hope at home.

Tuesday, September 23
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location

**KAY MEEK THEATRE
1700 MATHERS AVE
WEST VANCOUVER**

What You will Gain From This Evening



Understand

Learn how media inputs are
shaping your child's mindset
and motivation from industry
leaders and practical
knowledge to the workshop.



Learn

strategies to replace fear
with fact and pessimism
with possibility.



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**LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE
AFTERSCHOOL
AT WESTCOT ELEMENTARY**

Sing. Dance. Act. Shine!

At Lights Up Afterschool, your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool programs led by our talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools' staff. These classes are a unique introduction to our weekend musical theatre programs and provide students with an enriching, rewarding, and most of all, fun afterschool activity right at the bell!

FALL SHOW: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

This Fall, be our guest with Lights Up's production of "Beauty and the Beast!" With a script crafted specifically for our afterschool program, students will step into a world of magic, beloved music, and enchanted characters!

Students will be supervised from dismissal. No need to pick up your child until 5pm!

Performance on the last day of classes for friends and family!

After School Thursdays

OCT 2 - NOV 27

2:45PM - 5PM

*K-4 students supervised from their dismissal times

GRADES: K to 7

Fee: \$365 (*plus GST)

<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/westcot/>



The World of Yoga School
Let Yoga and Music be Your Friends

www.worldofyogaschool.com
[insta:kidsyogadancemenka](https://www.instagram.com/kidsyogadancemenka)

KIDS YOGA THEME
Healthy spine,
healthy life and
life lessons
from nature!

WEEKLY KIDS YOGA AFTER SCHOOL

WITH MENKA FROM SEPT 16-DEC 2 2025 AT WESTCOT ELEMENTARY

MIXED AGES ON TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL, 3:00PM-4:00PM

\$18/CLASS X 9 CLASSES TOTAL=\$171

To register, sign up on the link: <https://forms.gle/YVPA7TU6paWXZ5sA8>
or contact menkapurswaney@gmail.com 604 861 3309



FUNDamental Basketball with Mr. B is back for the Fall session. If you need more information or would like to register, please click the links below. Spaces are limited, the form will no longer accept responses once it is full.

[BEEgidders Grade 3/4/5 Basketball Registration \(BOYS\)](#)

[BEEgidders Grade 3/4/5 Basketball Registration \(GIRLS\)](#)

[Grade 5/6/7 Basketball Registration \(BOYS\)](#)

[Grade 5/6/7 Basketball Registration \(GIRLS\)](#)



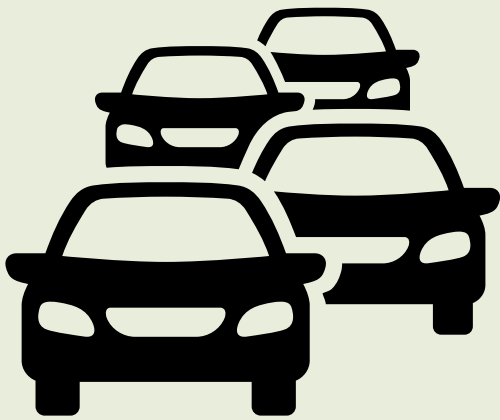
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FAMILY FRIDAY

Family Friday - September 12th @2:15 pm We would like to invite all of our Grade 1 - 7 Westcot families to join us at the end of our first full week of classes. Come into the school. Meet your child in their classroom. Meet your child's classroom teacher. Check out our Library, Gym and Music Portable and say hello to our specialist teachers.



DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS

Thank you for quick drop offs and respecting the flow of traffic. Note that there are no left hand turns at the top of Westcot Rd. Thank you for arriving and picking up on time. Thank you for organizing appointments outside of school time. Mid day arrivals and departures are disruptive to classes and taxing for office staff. At this time our playground is open after school for students directly supervised. This means that parents and caregivers are onsite, on the the playground. This is a great opportunity to meet other Westcot families.

CULTURE DAYS
KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE
BACKSTAGE PASS ▶▶▶▶▶
KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, September 21
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES
TOUR THE THEATRE | LIVE MUSIC | KARAOKE
TICKET GIVEAWAY | CONCESSION OPEN

Join Westcot's Intermediate Choir



Ms. Ng sent home notices for Grade 4-7 students interested in Choir this week. Make sure to check in with your child!



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Calendar

September	12	Family Friday 2:15 pm
	16	Terry Fox Run - Toonies for Terry Wear your Red and White
	17	WPAC Meeting 9:30am
	23	DPAC Parent Night with Dr. Graeme Mitchell
	26	District Professional Development Day
	29	Orange Shirt Day
	30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
October	1	Parent Teacher Interviews 11:30 Dismissal
	2	Parent Teacher Interviews 11:30 Dismissal
	13	Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Schools Closed)
	15	WPAC Meeting 9:30am
	16	Shake Out BC
	23	Photo Retakes
	24	Professional Development Day (students not in session)



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